

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-289-E - ORDER NO. 2001-678
JULY 26, 2001

IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER
	Company for a Certificate of Environmental)	GRANTING
	Compatibility and Public Convenience and)	REQUEST
	Necessity for the Construction and Operation)	
	of Killian 230/115 kV substation located in)	
	Columbia, South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the motion of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for Commission approval to proceed at its own risk with initial construction activity on the proposed Killian 230/115 kV substation. The Company has already filed an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of this facility, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-120 (1976). SCE&G requests, at this time, to exercise the option under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(7) (1976) to secure Commission approval to proceed at its own risk with certain preliminary construction activities at the proposed substation site. SCE&G states that it is advisable to proceed with initial clearing, grading, and excavation of the site prior to full certification approval for the proposed project because of the present availability of the necessary equipment and the existence of favorable summer weather.

Section 58-33-110(7) states that the Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction; provided, however, that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility. (A "person" may be a corporation, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-20(5)(1976)).

We have examined this matter, and hereby find that the initial activity described in SCE&G's motion is contemplated by the statute and is justified by the public convenience and necessity. We therefore grant SCE&G's request to proceed at its own risk to perform the functions allowed by the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(7)(1976) above. We must emphasize that, as stated by the statute, the granting of this permission does not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facilities to be constructed. These matters shall be considered at a later date as per the directives of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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